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CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel pending claims 1-6, and 10 as shown below without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter of claims 1-10.

Please add claims 11-16 as shown below.

The following listing of claims 1-16 will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Withdrawn) A housing (10) of an electronic device as claimed in one of the claims 5 or 6, characterized in that the retaining means (60) comprise a blocking shutter (110) which is installed movably in a wall of the housing (10) between a blocking position and a retracted position so as to either or not prevent the movement of the intermediate branch of the locking element (46) at least in one sense of the longitudinal direction.

8. (Withdrawn) A housing (10) of an electronic device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the retaining means (60) comprise at least a second chamber (62) in which at least one hole (64) is realized which accommodates at least one free end (66) of the locking element (46) so as to stop the latter in longitudinal translation.

9. (Withdrawn) A housing (10) of an electronic device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the locking element (46) comprises a retaining area (112) as well as a variation of section which, in locked position, co-operates with a complementary element (116) such as a clip.

10. (Cancelled)

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11. (New) A housing for an electronic device, comprising:
a main body with an opening;
a cover moveable relative to said main body between an assembled position for blocking said opening and a disassembled position for allowing access to said opening;
a locking element moveable between a locked position for locking said main body and said cover in the assembled position and an unlocked position for facilitating a removal of said cover from said main body in the disassembled position;
wherein, in the assembled position, said cover includes at least one hook extending through said opening into said main body; and
wherein, in the locked position, said locking element extends through and into said main body and cooperates with said at least one hook to lock said main body and said cover in the assembled position.
12. (New) The housing of claim 11, further comprising:
guiding means for guiding said locking element between the locked position and the unlocked position.
13. (New) The housing of claim 11, further comprising:
retaining means for retaining said locking element in the locked position.

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14. (New) A housing for an electronic device, comprising:
 - a main body with an opening;
 - a cover moveable relative to said main body between an assembled position for blocking said opening and a disassembled position for allowing access to said opening;
 - a locking element moveable between a locked position for locking said main body and said cover in the assembled position and an unlocked position for facilitating a removal of said cover from said main body in the disassembled position;
 - wherein, in the assembled position, said main body includes at least one hook extending through said opening into said cover; and
 - wherein, in the locked position, said locking element extends through and into said cover and cooperates with said at least one hook to lock said main body and said cover in the assembled position.
15. (New) The housing of claim 14, further comprising:
 - guiding means for guiding said locking element between the locked position and the unlocked position.
16. (New) The housing of claim 14, further comprising:
 - retaining means for retaining said locking element in the locked position.